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Identical letters dated 19 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 19 December 2002.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Report on the activities carried out on 19 December 2002

I. IAEA inspection team

Group I

After spending a second night at Mosul, group I, composed of 15 inspectors, set out at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at 8.40 a.m. at the Al-Kindi State Enterprise, a company belonging to the Military Industrialization Corporation and located on the outskirts of Mosul, where it held a meeting with the general manager during which it inquired about the activities of the company. It conducted a radiation survey of all company sites, using portable equipment, and took samples from the water treatment station and laboratory effluent streams. The group also inspected the company's commercial department. The mission ended at 11.40 a.m. and the group left for Baghdad, arriving at the Canal Hotel at 5 p.m.

Group II

Group II, composed of three inspectors, set out at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at 8.55 a.m. at the 7 Nisan Company, an entity belonging to the Military Industrialization Corporation and located 20 kilometres south-east of Baghdad. Immediately upon arriving, the group held a meeting with the general manager, with whom it inquired about the way in which some of the machines were imported. The group then made a tour of inspection that included part of the plants and workshops.

The visit ended at 10.30 a.m., whereupon the group headed for another site. At 11.30 a.m. it arrived at the Rashid State Enterprise, an entity belonging to the Military Industrialization Corporation and located 50 kilometres south of Baghdad. The group inspected the central maintenance workshop of the enterprise, in order to examine three marked furnaces, and the warehouses, also to examine marked equipment. The visit ended at 12.08 p.m. and the group reached the Canal Hotel at 1 p.m.

II. UNMOVIC joint inspection team (chemical, missiles, biological)

The team, which was composed of 11 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 8.45 a.m. Arriving at the Sab' Abkar quarter of Baghdad at 9.25 a.m., it proceeded to the reception office of the Military Industrialization Corporation. The team entered the site, inspected it and left after 10 minutes, returning to the Canal Hotel at 10.15 a.m.

1. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

Group I

Group I, which was composed of 12 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 8.40 a.m. At 8.55 a.m. it arrived at the Ibn Firnas State Company, a company belonging to the Military Industrialization Corporation and located 15 kilometres north of Baghdad. The group met with specialists at the Enterprise, who answered questions relating to its organizational structure. It then inspected the site and was provided with a copy of the site plan. The mission ended at 12.35 p.m.

Group II

Group II, which was composed of 11 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 8.35 a.m. and arrived at the Harith State Enterprise at 9.15 a.m. The Enterprise, which belongs to the Military Industrialization Corporation, is located 25 kilometres north of Baghdad. On arriving, the group held a meeting with the general manager and asked him questions regarding the changes that had taken place in the Enterprise from 1998 to the present and the duties of the various divisions of the Enterprise. The group then conducted a search of all the buildings of the Enterprise. The mission ended at 1.40 p.m. and the group returned to the Canal Hotel at 2.30 p.m.

2. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

The team, composed of 22 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 8.15 a.m. and arrived at 9.35 a.m. at the pesticide plant in the Saqlawiyah area, in Anbar governorate. The plant is a subsidiary of the Tariq State Enterprise, which belongs to the Military Industrialization Corporation, and had already been visited by an UNMOVIC team on 9 December 2002. It is one of the sites that had been subject to monitoring and was bombed during the United States aggression in December 1998. The team met with the general manager and asked him questions about the changes that had taken place in the plant from 1998 to the present and about the end-users of its products. The team searched all the plant facilities and took a sample from a barrel. It completed its mission at 3.30 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 5.10 p.m.

3. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

Group I

Group I, which was composed of 11 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 8.45 a.m. At 9.15 a.m. it arrived at the Ibn al-Baytar Centre, a research facility belonging to the Ministry of Industry and engaging in pharmaceutical research. The Centre is located 10 kilometres north of Baghdad and is a site subject to monitoring. The group asked the competent persons at the Centre questions about the most significant changes that had taken place from the end of 1998 to the present and about the nature of the Centre's activities, its departments and its relationship to other research centres. The group photographed some of the marked equipment. It then inspected the buildings at the Centre, asked the competent persons questions about the nature of their work, checked the marked equipment and took castor oil

samples. The mission ended at 2.10 p.m. and the group returned to the Canal Hotel at 2.45 p.m.

Group II

After spending a second night in Mosul, group II set out at 9.10 a.m., proceeding directly to Baghdad. It did not carry out any inspection activity and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 1.55 p.m.

Communications Group

The Communications Group, which was composed of three persons, left the Canal Hotel at 9.30 a.m. and arrived at Rashid airfield at 10 a.m. in order to complete the installation of the accessory equipment of the communication system between the pilots' room at Rashid airfield and the Canal Hotel. The mission ended at 10.30 a.m. The group then went to the National Monitoring Directorate, where it tested the communication lines between the National Monitoring Directorate and the Canal Hotel. The mission was completed at 6.30 p.m.

Special Group

Three UNMOVIC staff members left the Canal Hotel at 5.15 a.m. and headed for Mosul in order to examine the site of the proposed headquarters to be created at Mosul airport. The Iraqi side provided the group with the necessary facilities.

Remarks

The activities of the inspection teams on 19 December 2002 were particularly intensive and varied. Participating in them were 91 inspectors, who conducted detailed inspections at eight sites, in addition to holding meetings with competent Iraqi officials, taking numerous environmental samples, conducting a radiation survey and checking documents and equipment.